



HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

431 Bedford Road

Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel, Saratoga Avenue

Pleasantville, New York 10570

Sunday, January 7, 2024



SERVED BY THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.

Pastor

Fr. Philip Nolan, O.P.

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Leo Camurati, O.P.

Fr. Michael Ciccone, O.P.

Fr. Frank Sutman, O.P.

In Residence

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

5:15PM Saturday Vigil

7:30AM, 9:00AM (Family Mass),

11:00AM, 5:15PM

10:00AM *at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel*

Daily Mass

7:00AM Monday - Saturday

12:15PM Monday, Wednesday & Friday

5:30PM Tuesday & Thursday *at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel*

6:00PM First Friday

Confessions

7:00PM-8:00PM Tuesday

4:30PM-5:00PM Saturday

4:30PM-5:00PM Sunday

4:30PM-5:30PM First Friday

Adoration

7:00PM - 8:00PM Tuesday

1:00PM- 6:00 PM First Friday

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

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Youth Group Minister Julia Edelson



1/6 5:15pm	Saturday (Vigil) Maria Savo
1/7 7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 5:15pm	Sunday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD The People of the Parish Stephen Fabrico (OLP) Walter Hauck Colleen Wilson Wieslaw Stanislaw Panek
1/8 7:00am 12:15pm	Monday The Baptism Of The Lord Angelo & Giovanna Zinone Anneette Ryan
1/9 7:00am 5:30	Tuesday Weekday Giovanna Zinone (OLP) Grace Hodges
1/10 7:00am 12:15pm	Wednesday Weekday David Walsh Christina Parissi
1/11 7:00am 5:30pm	Thursday Weekday Roberto Orlando Sanabria Mikan (OLP) Jacqueline Stefanak
1/12 7:00am 12:15pm	Friday Weekday Luigi & Ida Testa Mario Galli
1/13 7:00am 5:15pm	Saturday Weekday Robert Morse (Vigil) Stephanie M. Schmiedel
1/14 7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 5:15pm	Sunday 2nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time The People of the Parish Patrick Joseph Michael (OLP) Fr. Alexander Merciere, OP John Petriccione Wieslaw Panek

EMERGENCY LINE If you need a priest after office hours you can call our emergency line at **914.340.4486**. We are always happy to bring you the Sacraments in your time of need.

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Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick: Please visit our website or call the parish office.

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New Parishioners You are cordially invited to join our parish community. Please stop in at the parish office to meet one of our friars and to complete a registration card.

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Communion Call: If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your home, please email office@hiparish.org. Also, if you have a gluten intolerance and would like a low gluten host at Communion, please see the celebrant 10 min before Mass. We are happy to accommodate.

FINANCE CORNER

(Sunday Collection + WeShare):

December 24 \$11,522.00

**Second Collection 1/7
Catholic Communities**



Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month following the 9 am & 11am Mass. Contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer with this service. **Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel-** Every 1st Sunday of the month following the 10:00 am Mass.



Welcome to all families attending our Sunday 9:00am Family Mass.

Please join us in the Social Hall after each Mass for coffee and donuts sponsored by our Religious Education classes.



Rose DeSanctis (mother of Joe DeSanctis), Mary Coughlin, Buddy Coughlin, Jimmy Fleming, Robert Sarro, Louis Sarro, Joann Keddy, Laura Cabrera, Joel Walker, Pamela Pena, Maria Annunziata, Debbie Flooks, Janet Moy, Teresa Angarola, Linda Callari, Isidro LaSalle, Ed Mann, Ada Juarbe, Meredith Davis, Vincent Tichy, Vinny M., Maryann Colucci, Anthony Colucci, George Stefanou, Karen Carini, Nancy DeZolt, Monica Fabi, Stan Magda, Diane Guido, BJ Buono, Patricia Greges, Micki Carbone, Walter Kastner, Jon Shuker, brother-in-law of Roxanne Surace, Sylvester Frazzini

PASTOR'S GREETING—Fr. Luke Hoyt, O.P.



Happy Epiphany!

On this day we recall the arrival of the Magi at the nativity scene, bearing gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh. Their long journey from the east to pay homage to the “newborn king of the Jews” is the dawning fulfillment of the prophecy that all peoples will be one: that in “days to come...all nations” will stream towards Jerusalem, saying, “Come let us climb the Lord’s mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob!”

You and I are also a part of that fulfillment. Every Sunday when we gather as God’s people in the space of our church, we are saying, “Yes, I want to be a part of that great crowd of all nations who journey to the Lord’s House acknowledging Him as King!”

This Sunday, we have a few special Epiphany events:

- Join us at the 11am Mass at Holy Innocents or the 10am Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii for the traditional Epiphany door blessing. And pick up a bag of chalk to bless your own doors at home.
- Following the 11am Mass, join us for a special brunch in which we recognize and thank all of the volunteers who make so much of the work of our parish possible. If you offer your time as a volunteer, assisting with anything from cleaning the church to being a hall monitor for Religious Ed, from singing in the choir to altar serving – and everything in between – I hope you can join us and let us thank you!

Peace,
Fr. Luke

Liturgy Notes— January 7, 2024

The Magi—by tradition called Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar—reveal that our life’s greatest purpose is to worship the Savior. The gifts brought by the Magi reveal how we can do that: “To offer gold is to proclaim Christ’s Kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality” (Saint Odilo of Cluny). And when we meditate on the mystery of the Epiphany, “we shall be radiant at what we see,” and “our hearts throb and overflow,” for the appearance of the Son of God means that the lives of the lowly, poor, and afflicted shall be saved. We have become “copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.”

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Collect

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

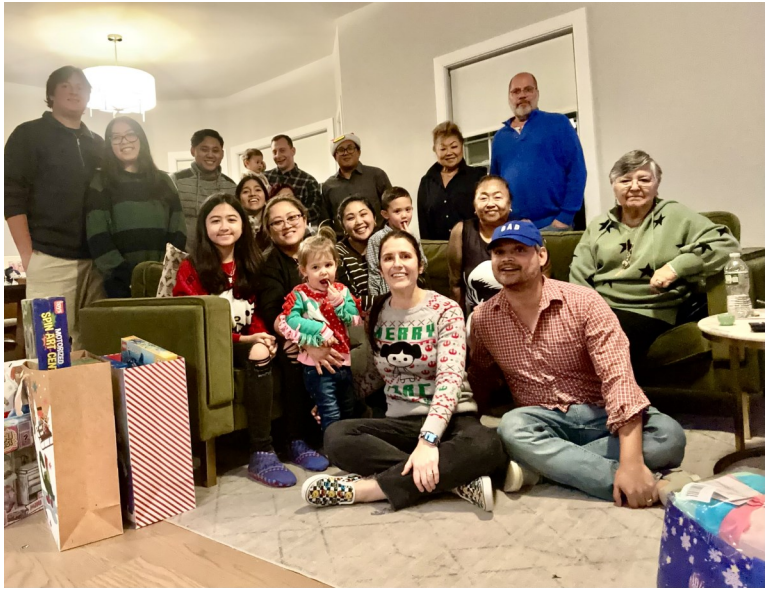
We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



May the birth of *Christ*
renew you and your fam-
ilies in God's love

Enjoy photos of our parish
family with their families at
Christmastime!





Save the Date!



At Holy Innocents

**Join us each evening for a time of
reflection and renewal**

**Monday, February 26
through
Wednesday, February 28**

**Mon., Tues. & Wed. 7pm conferences,
Mon. & Tues. confessions available
& Wed. reception.**

More details will follow!





Pope Francis' January Intentions Is For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



Food Pantry

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Our parish continues to contribute to the **Interfaith Food Pantry of Pleasantville**. They provide food for those living in the area that are in need. Food can be brought to the Parish Office during office hours. Please do not leave donations in the entrances to the Church. Please remember to check expiration dates on all donations or they cannot be accepted. For more information you can visit their site at pleasantvillefoodpantry.org



Join us in singing the Marian Antiphons at our sung Masses each Sunday. This season's antiphon is "**Alma Redemptoris Mater.**" Music cards are available in the pews



All Students Welcome In Grades 9-12

After Christmas break, join the Youth Group for a Youth Mass on Sunday, January 7th at 5:15pm.

Mass will be followed by a meeting in the parish hall. We hope to see you there!

Please see Flocknote for updates. For more information, please contact Julia Edelson at jedelson@hiparish.org or check <https://hiparish.flocknote.com/YouthGroup>.

BIBLE STUDY



Men's Group

Saturdays 9am-10am

Women's Group

Saturdays 9am-10am

Sign up through FlockNote



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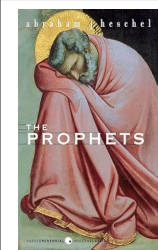
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays
7-8pm

Confessions
Available



Holy Innocents Knitting Group
1st Thursday of the month in the social hall at 7:30PM



Fr. Leo's Book Club

All are welcome!

Next book is "The Prophets (Perennial Classics)" Paperback – October 16, 2001. We will be reading the second part of the book .

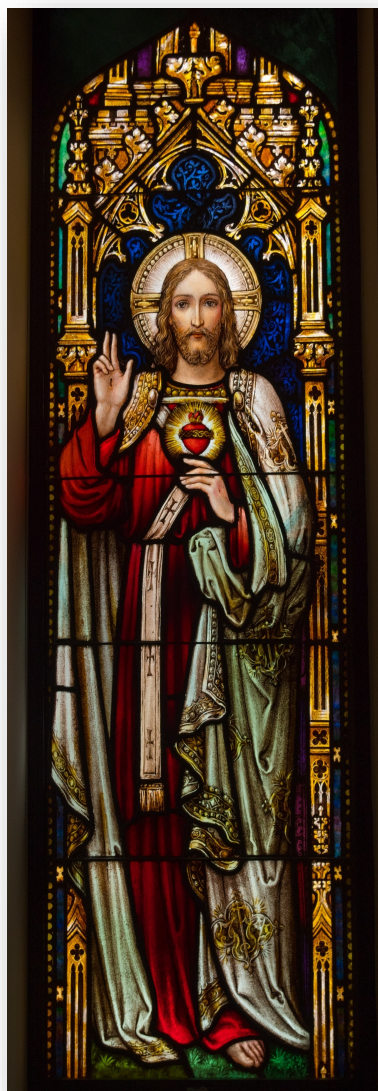
Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 7 @ 5:15PM in the Social Hall Please bring a copy of the book.



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*First Friday
February 2*

*Renew your life
with Christ
every
First Friday
of the month.*

*Adoration
1pm—6pm*

*Confession
4:30pm—5:30pm*

*Mass
7am, 12:15, 6pm*



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY 1/7

Join us at the 11am Mass at Holy Innocents or the 10am Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii for the traditional Epiphany door blessing. And pick up a bag of chalk to bless your own doors at home.



Volunteers requested!

When snow arrives on our church,
we welcome and ask for
volunteers to help us shovel.

If you are available to help out please email
us your contact
information at hiparish.org.



New Moms Support Group

**Come meet other moms,
get parenting info and
support. Bring your baby!**

- Support Group meets 10am on the first Friday of the month in the Council Room.
- Our focus is supporting mothers and babies both within our parish, and the wider community. See flyer in church entrances for more details.
- If you'd like to get involved group initiatives or attend the monthly meetings, contact Adriana at asel4451@gmail.com or text 917/291-1476.
- Lastly, Please make use of the Quiet Play Area set up in the social hall! It is available for children to use during and after Masses



Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

All members of the parish who have volunteered their time and services to Holy Innocents throughout the past year are invited join us for brunch on **Sunday, January 7 following the 11:00am Mass.**

Let us thank you for helping us!



DAUGHTERS OF MARY 5th-8th Grade Girls

Seek refuge in Mary because she is the city of refuge. We know that Moses set up three cities of refuge for anyone who inadvertently killed his neighbor. Now the Lord has established a refuge of mercy, Mary, even for those who deliberately commit evil. Mary provides shelter and strength for the sinner.
- Saint Anthony of Padua

The next meeting is on **February 3 @ 4:45-7:15** in the social hall classroom. The girls will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts and learn a new virtue.

If your daughter is interested in joining, please email Rosemarie at:
rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com.



Holy Innocents is offering a Bereavement Support Group for anyone laden by grief.

Our next meeting will be January 11. Subsequent meetings will be announced in the bulletin.

There is no commitment, so please consider attending the meetings and determining whether this is for you.

It is not limited to parishioners of Holy Innocents, We do need a minimum of 6 people, so please feel free to offer this information to others who might benefit from participation in the meetings.

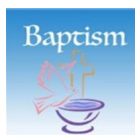
If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact the parish office.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:

Robert Schoener



We celebrate with the parents and godparents of the newly baptized:

Olivia Hunt



Holy Innocents Altar Servers

We invite children 3rd grade and older to consider becoming altar servers!

For more information, call the parish office.

Holy Innocents Parish Ride Give the gift of a ride



information at office@hiparish.org.

Volunteers needed!

Sometimes our neighbors need a lift to go food shopping, doctor appointment, attend an event at our parish or a ride to Mass.

We are looking for reliable volunteers who can help our elderly or sick parishioners that do not have a ride with occasional travel plans.

If you have the time, car and would like to volunteer please email us your availability and contact



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The traditional hymn for this feast day is **We Three Kings**, written by John Hopkins Jr. He was born in Pittsburgh, the son of an Episcopal bishop. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1839 and earned a Master's degree in 1845. In 1850 he graduated from the General Theological Seminary and became the seminary's first music teacher from 1855 to 1857.

The Episcopal Church celebrated Epiphany in both America and the United Kingdom and during the 1800s this special day was traditionally the day the Christmas tree was taken down and children received the gifts and treats that had been hanging on it since it had been first cut. John Hopkins Jr. had no children of his own, but had several nieces and nephews and often observed them counting down the moments until they could raid the evergreen. They, like so many, were unaware of the symbolism the bearing of gifts had to those brought by the wise men to Jesus.

In 1857 he decided his gift to his nieces and nephews would be a moving tribute to the legendary visitors from the East as described in the gospel of Matthew. As a seminary graduate, he knew little was known about the travelers so he combined the biblical record of the trip with legends that had been passed down.

The result is a song that is instructive and worshipful. The cadence of the melody fully captures the image of a trip across the desert and plains on camels. The hymn has an oriental, or Middle Eastern feel, and the words dramatically embrace the trip, as if he had been there with them.

John Hopkins Jr. served as rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and delivered the eulogy at the funeral of President Ulysses S. Grant. He died in 1885 in Hudson, NY and is buried next to his father at Bishop's House, Rock Point, Vermont.

As we sing the refrain today, think of his powerful view of the star, guiding the wise men on their journey then, and all of us on our life's journey now.

"star of wonder, star of night.....guide us to thy perfect light"

Religious Education



The Christmas season is a season of celebration, and the church celebrates many important feasts during this time. Today January 7, 2024, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. The word epiphany comes from the Greek word *Epiphania*, meaning revelation. At Epiphany, the Church celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God as the Savior and Messiah. Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany we recall the visit of the

Magi to the newborn Jesus:

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:9-12)

The epiphany, or showing, of Jesus teaches us that Jesus' coming into the world was important to the whole world and that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant for everyone!

The Religious Education program hopes that you enjoyed your Christmas break. Our classes resumed on January 3, 2024, and tomorrow begins our first full week back!